

if the churches would do what you are doing this town would be better than it is."

#### SOME WHO HELP

We have received from the following by express, freight and mail, goods, provisions, etc.: Mrs. Jacob Klock, S. Arnold, Roann church; T. J. Fahney, Joshua Long, Hagerstown, Md.; Bethesda church, O.; Waterloo, Iowa; S. S. C. E., Milford, Ind.; Flora Workman, Katie Weirick, W. A. Miller, Buckeye City, O.; N. Manchester, Ind.; Tiosa, Ind.; Brighton, Ind.; La Paz, Ind.; Burns Chapel, Ind.; Greenville, O.; S. S. C. E., New Highland, Ind.; Millersburg church, Iowa; Loree, Ind.; Mc Louth, Kans.; Milledgeville, Ill.; Lanark, Ill.; Falls City, Neb. Clara and Alice Leedy, Ora, Grace and Marion Hart are little folks of Pierceton, Ind., who helped. There are others to whom we will refer later. Sometimes the bills of lading come in names of persons, sometimes in name of church or society. I have taken pains to keep a strict account and give proper credit and will be glad to correct any mistake made. Some of the goods are yet in the freight office, not having been sent in time, but which will be disposed of when it reaches us. All have our thanks for the help given us in feeding this large number and making many hearts glad.

#### ANOTHER BAPTISM

Since writing the above letter I baptized another disciple, a gentleman who while expected, came in unexpectedly. I had prepared the baptism for another gentleman but his wife was sick and he could not come, the other one did come so we had a baptism. This makes four men in succession. Bro. Morton tells me that trine immersion on the north side is exciting much attention, the result of the sermons preached lately. The seed is sprouting all right and the fruit will be gathered.

#### A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The last night of '97, and near midnight. All in the house are sleeping. Down stairs the folks from the north side and west side are having watch meeting. I am writing this on my back, having just come through a serious attack of Lagrippe, nearly helpless. Sorry for disappointing my friends. I made a brave fight to conquer but could not make it in time and it will take a week yet to regain my strength. The strains of music come from below; soon the bells will ring and I pray God as they ring out the old and in the new that we may have peace, happiness and salvation in our borders, the last will bring the former.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

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#### WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

Yes, we have them—those boxes filled with necessary supplies from those good people who enjoy the "fat of the land"; but so far we have them by anticipation only—have them to get.

Some there are who argue that the pleas-

ures of anticipation are greater than those of realization, but somehow we rather prefer the latter, but possibly our preference is due to the rarity of the latter, and the commonness of the former. I would take more stock in anticipation if I could settle grocery bills, buy coal, pay rent, etc., with it.

Faith—anticipation—well, they are alright, can't get on without them, but missionaries find they are not all sufficient under all circumstances, especially when they are necessitated to *borrow funds* to meet current expenses.

Well, Xmas was spent quietly at home taking a little rest. Several friends were mindful of our needs and expressed their appreciation in a most substantial way. Early in the day one good brother came to our door, heavy laden, tho not weary; he was speedily unburdened; the "outward man" was remembered in a most substantial manner.

The postman brought us a letter from a sister containing some very helpful words. It also contained a "receipt in full" as a *gift* for some money which I had owed for some time and had not been able to pay. Some others, not members of our church, also rendered very material aid in the way of buying some things very much needed.

For all of these expressions of appreciation we render our best thanks to the donors, as well as to our heavenly Father, and pray his choicest blessings upon them.

We expect Brother Shaver, of Virginia, to be with us in a few days to help us in the cause of the Master.

I do not have the time to write more at the present. Pray for us. May God greatly bless the work of his servants everywhere and thus hasten the coming kingdom!

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The members of the General Mission Board of the Brethren church are called to meet, in Chicago, on Thursday, January 20, 1898. It is desirable to have as full a representation of the members of the Board as possible. The place of meeting will be at the Mission, No. 384 S. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill.

J. O. TALLEY, Pres.

J. C. CASSEL, Sec.

DAVID AUGUSTINE, Treas.

#### TO THE CHURCHES OF INDIANA

The Home Mission Board held its quarterly meeting Dec. 29. Each member of the Board and the state evangelist was present. Our meeting was pleasant, profitable and hopeful. Please watch in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST our state evangelist's report of his recent work at Dutchtown and see why we should not be hopeful and earnest.

The one thing the Board wants to urge upon the members and churches of the states is to be punctual in sending in your pledge money and other collections for the work. The Board does not want to be compelled to stop the good work. Already we need money. Less than \$10.00 of the amount pledg-

ed at the state conference has been sent in. Think and act upon the fact that the conference elected a Mission Board, told them to look after the mission work of the state; and also chose a state evangelist, ordained him, compelled him to give all his time to the work, but did not furnish the money to pay the salary of the evangelist.

Taking this view of things will help us all to appreciate our opportunities and realize our responsibilities along this line more. The Board trusts to your faithfulness and punctuality in supporting this good work. Pray God for help.

W. C. PERRY, Sec.

#### MISSIONARY SERMON

Synopsis of a sermon on Evangelization of the world, by I. D. Bowman. Text: Matt. 28: 19, 20; Mark 16: 15.

Here are the two great commissions. One to the nations and the other to the individual. Couched in these few words is the one great thought of Almighty God. In this thought God makes it absolutely essential for every Christian to be a world wide missionary. We as a church place much stress on baptism, and in this we are right; others place much stress on world wide evangelization, and in that they are right. That the Brethren church has been wrong on this great question of missions, is patent to all thinkers. And that we are now striving to get right, is just as evident to all thinkers, who are watching the signs of the times. Other denominations have attempted to give to the whole world a part of the gospel. And we have attempted to give a whole gospel to a part of our brethren, and a few of our surrounding neighbors. We have not yet learned the great thought of God, *i. e.*, to give the whole gospel to the whole world.

God has waited for 1800 years for his church to get a hold of his great thought; and if angels were incarnated and could weep, I believe they would shed tears of blood at the indifference and inactivity, and cruel opposition of the church, to the primary doctrine of the gospel, the one great thing the church was commanded to do, *i. e.* to preach the whole gospel to the whole world. After these two plain commissions, and after the command of Acts 1: 8, the disciples did not yet understand this—greatness of God—thought. Even after Pentecost, they had to be driven by sore persecution to fill the first part of the Lord's command, *i. e.* to preach the gospel to Judea and Samaria. The first seven chapters of the Acts of the Apostles represents the first seven years of the disciples' labors in Judea. The eighth chapter represents the work in Samaria, and in the ninth chapter, the call of the great missionary apostle, Paul. But as yet neither Paul nor the other apostles grasped the great thought of God. In the 10th chapter, God performs four great miracles to open the eyes of the apostle Peter to the great work he had called him to do. In the 13th chapter, God through the Holy